Great Alaska Council Top Stories

Be Prepared ... For Summer Camp!

Camp T-Shirt Order is Live!
Go to camp in style with your t-shirt! Scout leaders, volunteering parents, and youth are encouraged to purchase a 2019 camp t-shirt to wear while doing activities! Get yours today!

Click Here to Purchase your T-Shirt

Camp Guides Available Now!
Camp Guides are packed full of helpful information to prepare you and your Scout for camp! These guides are for parents and leaders! Click below on the camp you are going to attend.

Camp Gorsuch - Cub Scout
Camp Gorsuch - Scouts BSA
Eagle River Scout Camp
Denali High Adventure Scout Base

100% Camp Payments Due April 30, 2019
Shoot for Scouting with the 2019 Sporting Clays Classic!

Grab your shotgun and friends and join us for Sporting Clays! Support Scouting while you enjoy time out on the range, eat delicious BBQ, and test your aim!

Date: Friday, May 31, 2019
Location: Birchwood Recreation and Shooting Park
Check-In: 11:00 AM, Shoot starts at 12:00 PM with late lunch and beverages to follow

Click Here to register today!

Celebrate Scouting at Your District Dinner

Bear Paw District Dinner
Date: Thursday, May 9
Location: Good Shepard Lutheran Church
6:30 PM
Register Here

2019 Popcorn Sign-Up is Live

The Scouting program is powered by popcorn! Unit popcorn kernels sign up online today! Get updates, information and more by signing up early! There are exciting things happening for this upcoming sale!

Click Here to Register You Unit
Cubcast: Scouts with Special Needs

Special needs can mean anything from a learning disability like dyslexia to hearing loss to a physical disability like cerebral palsy. Even if you don't have any special needs youth in your den or pack, you're sure to find this discussion with Warren Weener, the chair-elect of the National Disabilities Awareness Committee, very enlightening.

Click Here to Listen

Be Prepared... for Summer Camp with Medical Forms!

Attending camp? Youth and adult campers will need to have the BSA Medical form completed. Plan ahead and get your physical and forms completed early and turned into your Pack Camp Coordinator or Leader!

Click Here to Download the Form

Pack Planning Resources

Boys Life releases planning calendars and resources. Below you will find the 2018-2019 planning guide. Spring is the time Packs should be planning for the coming Scouting year. Planning your year helps to build your Pack budget. From there, you create your fundraising plan - allowing each Scout to earn their way through Scouting, even to camp! Popcorn sale dates are coming soon!

Click Here for Boys Life Resources
Scoutcast: Scouts with Special Needs

Last December there was a post on the Bryan on Scouting blog about Benjamin Waggoner, a Scout who has spina bifida and is Eagle Scout No. 527 in Troop 890 in Dallas, Texas. So, we invited Benjamin and his dad, Chip Waggoner, to chat with us about Scouts with special needs from the perspectives of a Scout and a parent.

Listen Now!

Southcentral Spring Camporee: Learn to Return

This camporee is being run with the assistance of Learn to Return. LTR is Alaska's premier and longest running full spectrum survival school. They maintain a comprehensive and diverse safety and survival
training program. Enclosed you will find a schedule and event
descriptions. Please read the event descriptions in order to
prepare your Unit. If you have any questions concerning the
Camporee contact a member of the Camporee Planning
committee.

Date: May 3-5, 2019
Location: Camp Gorsuch
Fee is $10 per Scout. $3 for adults.
Scouts registering after April 25, will be charged $15.

Click Here to Register

Order of the Arrow News

Gorsuch Induction
Weekend 2019

When: May 17-19, 2019
Where: Camp Gorusch
Candidates: All candidates should arrive between 7:30pm-8pm. It
is highly advised that you do not arrive any earlier than this. The
weekend will end at 11am on Sunday Morning. During Breakfast
you will be presented with your lodge insignia. We encourage your
parents to come and join us for this recognition breakfast. You can
register them when you register yourself.
You should bring Medical Form (A&B) Full Uniform (Merit Badge
Sash and Medals should stay home) you will NOT need your
uniform until Saturday Afternoon, please come in clothes you do
not mind getting dirty (Work Clothes and gloves). A sleeping bag,
pad, tarp and tent, flashlight, water bottle, knife and personal
toiletries.
Arrowmen: We ask that you arrive between 6pm-7pm, Those
serving as Elangomats should arrive no later than 7pm. Please
bring Medical Form (A&B) work clothes, gloves, full uniform, tent,
tarp and personal toiletries. Cabins will NOT be available.

Click Here for More Information
District Information

**Bear Paw District**

The Bear Paw District covers the communities of Palmer, Wasilla, Valdez, Big Lake, Willow, Talkeetna, and Glennallen.

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**Denali District**

The Denali District covers the communities of Anchorage (South of Tudor, West of Gambell), Girdwood, Indian.

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Tustumena District

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BP Alaska Contributing to the pilot STEM Scout program.

NRA Foundation: Cowboy Action shooting program supporter.
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100% of the funds raised in Alaska - stay in Alaska. Help Scouting build the future leaders and community members of Alaska with your donation.

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